

saturated nitrile, methyl acrylate acid polymer foam, silicone foam, EPDM foam, Neoprene® foam or the like and thermoplastic elastomers may be used in practicing the invention. Neoprene® is a registered trademark of DuPont.

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[The isocyanate also reactws with water to produce carbon dioxide gas for foaming. Foam density is determined by the quantity of water present in the formulation and is characterized by the weight o the polyurethane material divided by the overall volume. Once intimately mixed, the ingredients are discharged from the mixer and deposited into a mold where the complex chemical reactions take place.]

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-20.

Add new claims 21-25 as follows:

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21. An isolation mount and an automotive subframe assembly comprising:
an automotive subframe having a through hole; and
an isolation mounting including an upper mount, a lower mount, and a fastener;
the upper mount including a thimble member and an elastomeric annular portion,
the thimble member including an axially extending tubular portion,
the annular portion including an axially extending portion that is received in
the hole of the subframe,
the axially extending tubular portion of the thimble member extending
through the axially extending portion of the annular portion,
an insert disposed in the annular portion and the axially extending portion of
the annular member, the insert including an axially extending tube portion having a length
that is approximately equal to a length of the hole in the subframe.
22. The isolation mount and automotive subframe assembly specified in claim 21
wherein the elastomeric annular portion of the upper mount is formed from foamed
microcellular polyurethane.

23. The isolation mount and automotive subframe assembly specified in claim 21 wherein a thickness of the tube portion of the insert varies radially.

24. The isolation mount and automotive subframe assembly specified in claim 23 wherein the thickness of the tube portion of the insert is greatest adjacent an axis of a minor diameter that corresponds to a direction of a lateral mode and is thinnest near a axis of a major diameter that corresponds to a direction of a fore and aft mode.

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25. An isolation mount for an automotive subframe having a through hole, the isolation mount comprising:
an upper mount;
a lower mount; and
a fastener; wherein
the upper mount includes a thimble member and an elastomeric annular portion,
the thimble member including an axially extending tubular portion,
the annular portion including an axially extending portion that is received in the hole of the subframe,
the axially extending tubular portion of the thimble member extending through the axially extending portion of the annular portion,
an insert disposed in the annular portion and the axially extending portion of the annular member, the insert including an axially extending tube portion having a length that is approximately equal to a length of the hole in the subframe.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 27, 2001 and the Office Action mailed March 15, 2001. Claims 1-20 have been canceled. Claims 21- 25 have been added. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Drawings